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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN "WORKER ACTION DAY" FOR FULL
EMPLOYMENT

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ETUC EUROPEAN-WIDE PROTEST AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT CALLED FOR APRIL 5 ROUSED LITTLE ATTENTION IN BRITAIN, EXCEPT FOR SOME PRESS REFERENCES REFERRING TO RALLIES ON CONTINENT. ONLY COMMUNIST PARTY MORNING STAR GAVE COVERAGE TO ETUC PROTEST CALL, AND THEN AS LEAD FOR STRINGING TOGETHER A REPETITION OF VARIOUS RECENT OR POSSIBLE LABOR FORCE CUTBACKS AT

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VARIOUS PLANTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF RALLIES OR PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS. STAR REPORTED TUC GENERAL SECRETARY LEN MURRAY AS SAYING "THE BRITISH TUC DID NOT FEEL IT (INDUSTRIAL ACTION) APPROPRIATE IN THIS COUNTRY". END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, BRITISH TUC WAS NOT ABOUT TO STIR THE UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUE WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST THE LABOR GOVERNMENT IN WHAT MAY BE RUN-UP TO A GENERAL ELECTION. TUC RESPONSE WAS CONFINED TO AN ORAL PRESENTATION BY LEN MURRAY TO A REGULAR LONDON SESSION OF BRITAIN'S TRIPARTITE ADVISORY PLANNING BODY, THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, CHAIRED BY CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER HEALEY. MURRAY REPEATED TUC CONCERNS OVER THE CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE STANDING TUC PROPOSALS FOR REFLATIONARY, JOB CREATION AND SOCIAL BENEFIT MEASURES TO REDUCE OR RELIEVE THE IMPACT OF UNEMPLOYMENT, E.G., TAX CUTS, MORE PUBLIC SPENDING, EMPLOYMENT EXPANSION SUBSIDIES, HIGHER BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT, REDUCED WORK HOURS AND OTHER ITEMS. (PLEASE PROTECT LONDON AS SOURCE.)

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